

NAACP LOSES BH SUIT BUT COULD WIN LATER

Patients On List Of Suspects

Drug Users
Were Treated
By Doctors

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Officials investigating the fatal stabbing of an Army doctor's pregnant wife and their two young children said today they were checking on patients he had treated for drug abuse.

The doctor, Capt. Jeffrey MacDonald, 26, of Patchogue, N.Y., who also was stabbed in their apartment on the post Tuesday, said the family was attacked by a hippie-type band of three men and a girl.

The girl, he said, muttered: "Acid is groovy; kill the pigs."

Acid is a slang term for the hallucinatory drug LSD.

Police reported finding a paring knife and an ice pick which they said might have been used to kill Collette MacDonald, 26, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and her daughters, Kristen Jean, 2, and Kimberly, 6.

In New York, the Daily News quoted MacDonald's grandmother, Wilma M. Perry of Patchogue, as saying Mrs. MacDonald was expecting her third child this summer.

MacDonald, a Green Beret paratrooper, said he was beaten unconscious, but revived later and called the military police. They found him in a bedroom, stabbed in the stomach and chest.

Col. Robert J. Kriwanek, post provost marshal, said the word "pig" was scrawled in blood on the headboard of the MacDonald's bed.

An Army spokesman confirmed that MacDonald had treated narcotics users.

Col. Kriwanek quoted MacDonald as saying he had fallen asleep on a living room couch while reading, awakened about 3:30 a.m. and saw the four intruders, who knocked him unconscious.

About half an hour later, MacDonald related, he awoke, went to a telephone and called for help, Kriwanek said.

MacDonald said the girl was blonde and wore a floppy hat and boots, and that one of the men wore an Army field jacket with sergeant's stripes.

Kriwanek said the living room and master bedroom were in disarray, but the children's bedroom was neat.

MacDonald was reported in satisfactory condition in Womack Army Hospital.

Capt. MacDonald had been in the Army about eight months and had been stationed at Ft. Bragg since August. He was a member of the 6th Special Forces Group.

Store Destroyed

BAY CITY (AP) — Damage was estimated at some \$250,000 from a spectacular three-alarm fire which swept Millar's appliance and used fire store in Bay City Tuesday.

Ausco Projects

\$1.3 Million For Clean Air!

Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. of St. Joseph has already "de-smoked" its foundry at Riverside, north of Benton Harbor.

It is now in the process of doing the same thing at its Edgewater foundry in St. Joseph.

Total cost will run about \$1.3 million, it was revealed today by Lester C. Tiscornia, the firm's president.

"It's a Cadillac job," said Tiscornia, "but we think it will satisfy our neighbors. And that's what we set out to do."

Projects represent one of the largest anti-pollution efforts ever undertaken by a local industrial firm.

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VICTIMS OF ATTACK: Army Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald, 26, bottom right, told authorities at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Tuesday that his two children, Kristen Jean, 2, top left, and Kimberly, 6, and wife, Collette, 26 had been slain in a bizarre attack by three persons who broke into his home early Tuesday. MacDonald, who was found unconscious by police responding to his telephone call for help, suffered stab wounds in the chest, stomach and arm. (AP Wirephoto)

Decision On Eaman Shift Likely In April

Hearing Held In Lansing

The State Board of Education will decide, possibly in April, whether the former Eaman school district will remain in the Benton Harbor school system or be transferred to Coloma.

David Crocker of Kalamazoo, attorney for the 100 Eaman residents seeking the transfer, called six residents to testify at a hearing yesterday in Lansing.

Raymond L. Godmer, hearing officer for the state board, said summary reports of the hearing will be sent to the Eaman group and the Benton Harbor school district which opposes the transfer. Both sides will have 20 days to file objections to the report. The State Board of Education then will make a decision which Godmer said probably will be made at one of the April sessions.

SAME REASONS

The six witnesses, who stated the same reasons for wanting to

leave the Benton Harbor district, they gave at a Berrien County Intermediate District hearing last fall, were Louis J. Gelder, John Hornack, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Tutton, Cleo Ansteth and Warren Haas.

These included charges that local residents feel their property values have declined since the school district was annexed to Benton Harbor.

The residents further contended there was a lack of discipline and academic achievement since their children have been going to the Benton Harbor School system.

The former Eaman School District, predominantly white, has some 100 children attending Benton Harbor schools. The state equalized value of the district is \$2.54 million.

SREBOTH TESTIFIES

Raymond Sreboth, assistant superintendent for business, represented the Benton Harbor Board of Education in opposing the transfer request.

He said removing the Eaman District would raise the black percentage in the black-white student ratio in Benton Harbor schools.

He challenged the truth of the statements about lack of discipline and academic

achievements in Benton Harbor schools.

Sreboth further said this would be a fragmentation of the school district and would set a precedent for other and similar transfers.

The Eaman District voted for annexation to Benton Harbor by about eight to five in 1965, he said, and should continue to be a part of the district.

James Walton, representing the Berrien County Intermediate Board of Education, also opposed the transfer proposal. He said the intermediate board ruled unanimously against the proposal on Oct. 2, 1969.

Walton said the distances between Eaman to Benton Harbor and Coloma are about the same. Schools at Coloma presently are crowded, he said, and the transfer would place an additional burden on the Coloma school system.

Some 20 property owners from Eaman attended the hearing. The Coloma school district was not represented at the hearing.

ICBM's Gaining

Nixon Warns Of Red Threat

President Nixon today called for expansion of the Safeguard ballistic missile defense program as the best response to "a serious threat" posed by a massive Soviet missile buildup.

He said Russia is drawing very close to America in the number and quality of intercontinental missiles that could reach the United States.

This warning was the main point in his "State of the World" message to Congress. See story on page 30.

U.S. Judge Paves Way For Appeal

Sympathetic,
But Tied By
Higher Court

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

KALAMAZOO — The NAACP Tuesday lost its suit to force the Benton Harbor school district to end de facto segregation.

But the decision could be temporary. U.S. District Judge Wallace Kent expressed sympathy for the plaintiff and paved the way for an early appeal of his own opinion.

The judge also said the Benton Harbor district appears to practice "an unconstitutional assignment of teachers by race."

OPPORTUNITY DENIED

Judge Kent held that Benton Harbor's neighborhood school system "results in the denial of equal opportunity for education to the black child who is forced to attend a predominantly black school."

But he did not overturn the neighborhood school system. He said his court is bound by the Sixth U.S. Circuit court of Appeals which has found neighborhood schools constitutional.

The neighborhood school was the NAACP's major challenge against the school district. It had sought a court order to break up de facto segregation which exists because of the neighborhood school policy. The judge did not issue an order with his opinion.

Kent returned several findings against the school district, based on constitutionality and unequal opportunity. The findings were an opinion only, not orders.

He invited an appeal from his opinion to the higher court in Cincinnati, saying that "if this were a case of first impression, this court would reach a conclusion contrary to that reached by the Court of Appeals."

Judge Kent found the Benton Harbor board of education did not create the segregation which exists today and has made no conscious attempt to expand or perpetuate it.

"The parties who have created racial imbalance within the school district are not parties to this lawsuit," he said in citing public housing, real estate sales and rentals.

Either side or both may appeal the decision. Defense Counsel Robert Small said that will be up to the board of education. Louis Lucas, counsel for the plaintiff, indicated formally the case will be appealed in an attempt to get the neighborhood school ruled unconstitutional.

Judge Kent read his 18-page opinion into the record at the conclusion of the 8½-day trial. Early radio and television broadcasts gave different interpretations to it. The judge found against the school district on these points:

Testimony of three black teachers from black Bard

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

Remember T.G.I.F. tomorrow. Captain's Table, 4:30 to 7:30. Adv.



INJURED BY MOBSTER, MAGAZINE ASSERTS: Detroit Tigers' pitcher Denny McLain received therapy for his injured foot in a Detroit clinic September, 1967, after incident in which McLain said he hurt himself in a mishap at home. In a copyrighted story, Sports Illustrated magazine asserts McLain's foot injury occurred when a Cosa Nostra "enforcer" stomped on it. Sports Illustrated also said McLain in 1967 was a partner in a bookmaking operation. (AP Wirephoto)

Article Links McLain, Hoods

Where Is Superstar Now?

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn mulled over the latest developments in the case of Denny McLain today while the Detroit pitcher's whereabouts remained a mystery.

Commissioner Kuhn's disclosure last Friday that his office was examining certain of McLain's "off the field activities," during the 1967 season was followed today by the publication by Sports Illustrated magazine of a copyrighted story which said McLain was a partner in a bookmaking operation during that season.

OUT OF SIGHT

McLain dropped out of sight following Kuhn's statement Friday and missed a scheduled court appearance Monday over

his alleged failure to repay a \$7,000 loan received in 1968 from the Citizen's Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint, Mich.

William H. Aikens, the pitcher's lawyer, left Detroit for New York Tuesday night with Commissioner Kuhn reportedly preparing a statement for release today.

But a spokesman for the commissioner denied that any statement would be forthcoming today.

"No," the spokesman said Tuesday night, "there will be no announcement regarding McLain—not tomorrow."

Sports Illustrated, in its copyrighted article, charged that McLain had put money into a bookmaking operation headed by one Jigs Gazell, who operated out of the Shorthorn Steak House in Flint, Mich.

Gazell said Tuesday night that he knew McLain casually while the pitcher was playing the organ at the Flint steak house.

"I said stuff like, 'Hello. How are you? How many games are you going to win?' Gazell said. 'Stuff like that. Everybody asked stuff like that. Everybody that came in the Shorthorn met him.'"

Gazell denied being a bigtime

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

McLain Fails To Show Up

SOUTHFIELD (AP) — Pitching ace Denny McLain failed to appear today at a scheduled court hearing in Southfield.

McLain was scheduled to appear at the hearing for alleged nonpayment of rent in a suit filed by his landlords on McLain's home in Beverly Hills.

McLain has not been seen publicly since he met with the National League Baseball Commissioner in New York Friday to discuss "off the field" activities during the 1967 baseball season.

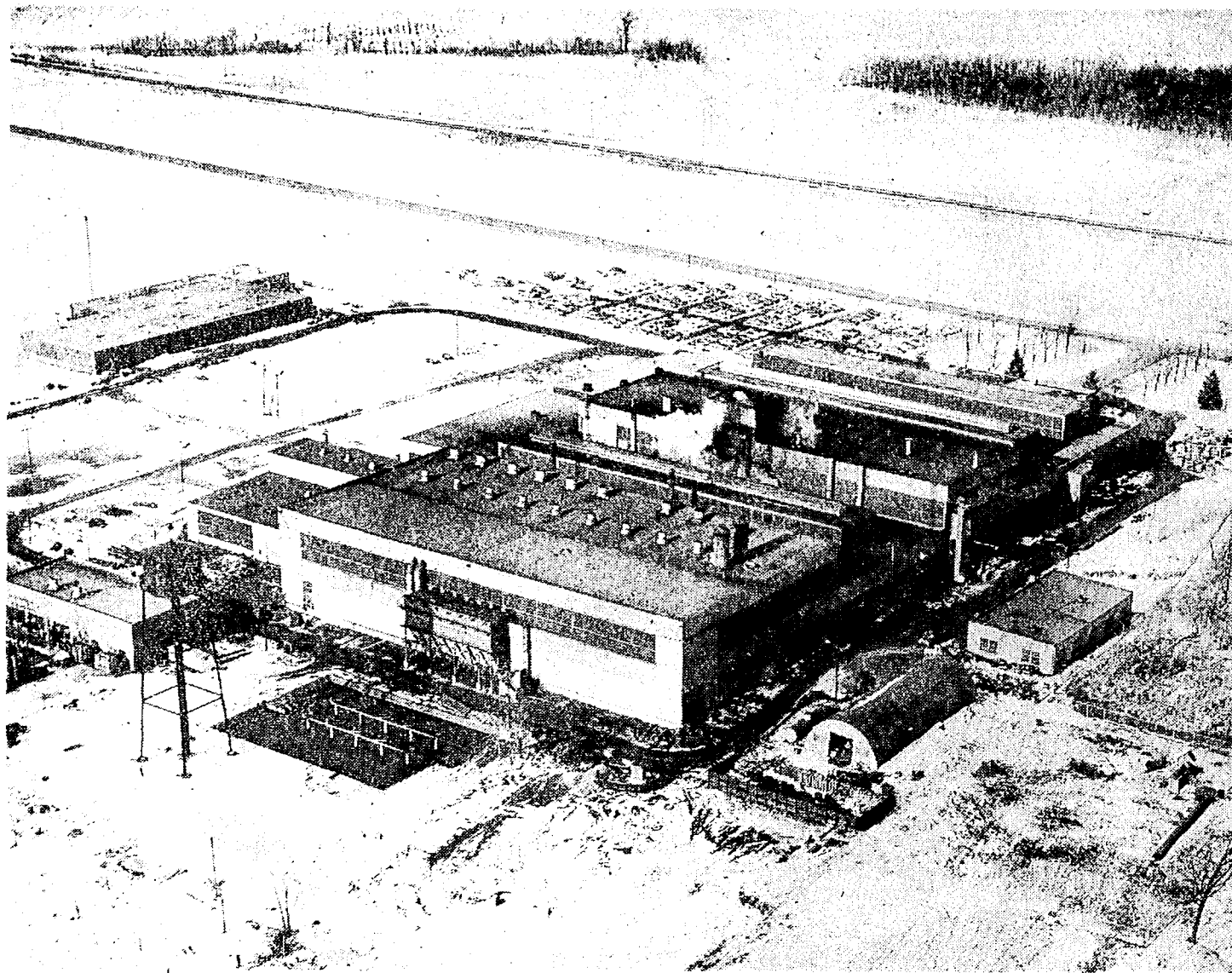
The hearing was originally scheduled for Monday but was postponed until today because court officers had been unable to serve a summons on McLain to appear.

A second summons was issued for today's hearing and when officers again failed to contact McLain personally, they tacked the summons on the door of his Beverly Hills home.



CHEST CHECK: Michigan's Robert P. Griffin, the Republican Senate whip, has a chest x-ray at the Capitol Tuesday where a mass screening is checking for tuberculosis. Tests are being given to Capitol Hill workers after the recent disclosure of six cases of the disease, two of them fatal. Technician is C. C. Kurtz. (AP Wirephoto)

AUSCOS' \$1.3 MILLION HALTS AIR POLLUTION



RIVERSIDE NOW: The old smokestack—and smoke—are gone. In their place, a \$300,000 system to make plant exhaust smokeless and nearly odorless. The bag house (lower left) is last step

in process. Mist rising from mid-plant results when warm, moist air escapes and mixes with cold outside air. (Aerial photo by (Adolph Hann)

Riverside Plant Goes Smokeless

Firm Working Towards Clean Air At Edgewater

By ORVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Auto Specialties has gone smokeless at its Riverside plant and by mid-1971 its Edgewater plant in St. Joseph will follow suit. By that time the cost to Ausco will approach \$1.3 million.

Walter Laetz, vice president and secretary, has been in overall charge of the company's pollution efforts. Laetz says that at the Riverside plant, which employs 300 workers in the production of large rear-axle housings and transmission parts of various sizes, Ausco spent over \$300,000 to eliminate the smoke problem. Half of that went into a system that was abandoned when it proved impractical.

The smokestack at Riverside is gone now thanks to the new filtration system, which eliminates smoke and exhaust particles. The filtered air, Laetz says, now complies with, and even exceeds, state pollution requirements.

LONG A PROBLEM

Ausco has wrestled with its air-pollution problem for the past three or four years, Laetz says, and it's only recently reached the point where "we know we have solved the Riverside problem and have determined what we are going to do at the Edgewater plant."

Richard Lee, plant engineer for Ausco, has been in direct charge of these efforts. He explains that industry, facing increased public demands for pollution control, is equipped with an anti-pollution technology still in its infancy.

For this reason, Ausco cleaned up its Riverside plant months before the projected clean-up date for its Edgewater plant in St. Joseph. Problems at both plants have been under simultaneous study, Lee says, but those at Riverside proved easier to solve.

The Riverside plant operates with four electric arc furnaces, which every day produce 200 tons of malleable iron. They also produce, as by-products, volumes of air containing such particles as iron oxides, silica and carbon.

A pollution-control system installed at Riverside in 1967 proved too expensive as it raised the cost of malleable iron almost \$3 a ton. Under that set-up, polluted air was drawn directly out of the electric furnaces and shunted away for filtration. Unfortunately, the process introduced extra oxygen into the atmosphere inside the furnace and the electrodes and brick lining there were consumed at an uneconomical pace.

After two years Ausco decided to abandon that system even before it was complete. Experience had taught them it does not work for malleable iron though elsewhere it had proven valuable in cleaning up steel foundries.

The system now in operation removes the smoke just after it billows from the furnace. Wear and tear on the electrodes and furnace lining is reduced and operating costs are back to normal.

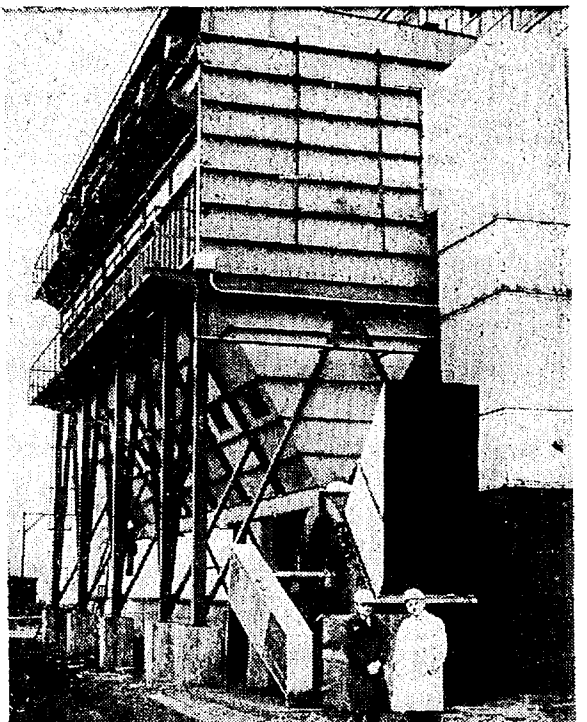
Sucked into ducts above the furnace, the smoke moves into a collecting chamber, then into a two-story bag house, where 2,200 14-foot bags filter out the particles. The air then exits smokeless.

Emptied periodically and automatically, the bags give up 10 pounds of trapped particles for every ton of metal produced. The residue finally is hauled off for landfill. Laetz says operating costs now are a fraction of those that made the first system impractical. As a side benefit, the pollution equipment has cleaned up air inside the factory, too, making it more pleasant for Ausco employees.

Components of the Riverside system were manufactured in Mishawaka, Ind., by the Wheelabrator Corp. The parts were shipped here for assembly by Ausco workers and local contractors.

At the Ausco Edgewater plant, two 75-foot-high cupolas pose special problems. Like the electric furnace, the cupola melts scrap iron for processing into malleable iron. Its advantage lies in its capacity for larger volumes and its greater melting efficiency. The chief drawback: It produces more pollutants faster, and at higher temperatures.

The 1,500 employees at the



NO SMOKE: Large vent above Ausco president Lester Tiscornia (right) and James W. Tiscornia, assistant manager of Riverside plant, releases into atmosphere filtered air, which once escaped as smoke. The compartment behind contains 2,200 bags that filter impurities produced by the plant's four electric furnaces. (Staff photo)



MEN IN CHARGE: Walter Laetz, Ausco vice president and secretary, (seated), and Richard Lee, plant engineer, have been in charge of the company's efforts to go smokeless. They have discovered that technology still is searching for answers to the pollution problem. (Staff photo)

Edgewater plant produce a variety of rear-axle housings and other castings, almost all of them for passenger cars, and enough jacks to outfit every other car on the road. Laetz noted that the company plant in Hartford, engaged in producing tractor and airplane brakes, is not a foundry and thus poses no air pollution problems.

Ausco has been working with Thomas Harsell, a metallurgical engineer from Palos Verdes, Calif. Harsell is responsible for evolving the overall design at the Edgewater plant. When this design finally is realized in August, 1971, Ausco cupolas will be among the first large cupolas anywhere outfitted with this kind of pollution control.

The first step will come this summer during the plant's shutdown period. At that time, the company will spend \$150,000 to change the feeding system and reduce the charge opening on each cupola. It's through this opening that scrap iron is introduced for processing into malleable iron.

Also through these openings large volumes of air are sucked into the cupola. By reducing these openings, and therefore the air intake, Ausco looks forward to having less polluted air to clean up.

RAISING TEMPERATURES

The next step will be the installation of after-burners that will heat rising gases to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, combustible substances, such as carbon monoxide, and oil vapor are burned off.

After being heated, the gases must then be cooled. This will

Taming Smoke Not Easy Job

Ausco President Explains Pollution Problems

"It's a load off my mind, I'll tell you," said Lester C. Tiscornia today.



LESTER C. TISCORNIA
Ausco President

Tiscornia is president of St. Joseph Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co., a post he has held for six years. The firm today announced a million-dollar program that has already "de-smoked" its Riverside foundry and will do the same thing for its Edgewater foundry by mid 1971.

"We have always recognized our responsibility to end air pollution," said Tiscornia, "both to the community and to the nation as a whole."

"But the fact is that there simply wasn't any practical way we could do it before now."

EACH PLANT SPECIAL

"The manufacturers of this kind of equipment have not previously had good answers. The equipment either didn't work satisfactorily from the outset, or proved later to be unsafe or undependable. Each plant requires its own special system."

"We spent more than \$150,000 in the Riverside plant, and it didn't work," Tiscornia said. "We ripped that out and started over again. Now we have a system that is working extremely well. The Edgewater installation will be similar, although more complicated and more expensive."

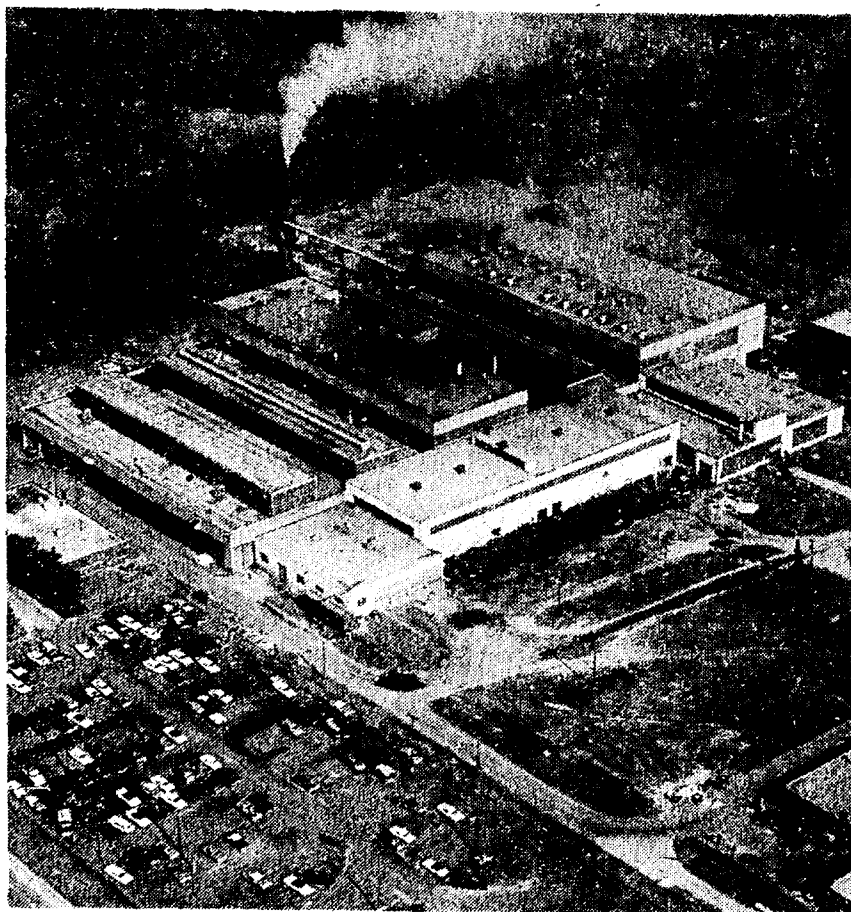
"But we are satisfied these installations will do the job in a manner pleasing to our neighbors. And that's what we wanted to be sure of."

"Our smoke control equipment represents the best solution we could find after years of planning and trial. It's expensive, the Cadillac of its field."

"But," declared the Ausco president, "we'd rather spend a million dollars and do the job right than a half million and not do it properly."

As late as five or six years ago, Tiscornia said, any foundry installation smoke control equipment found itself at a competitive disadvantage. Its production costs soared relative to uncontrolled foundries.

"But that isn't true now,"



RIVERSIDE BEFORE: Smoke billowed from old smokestack at the AUSCO plant in Riverside before installation of pollution-control devices. Vents on roof drew smoke from working area inside, now also improved by the new devices.

according to Tiscornia. "Government is making everyone do the job. And Michigan has one of the toughest laws in the country, which I personally think is good."

Somewhat surprisingly, Tiscornia feels his firm may be able to recover some of the "de-smoking" costs through what he expects to be "increased efficiency in cupola melting" at the Edgewater plant.

"And there's another decided advantage, too," he noted. "All of us in the foundry industry," he said, "have realized we are going to have to clear up not only the air outside our plants, but inside as well. It's essential to attract the employees we need to do our work."

Tiscornia is a past president and director of the Malleable Founders Society. This nationwide organization and other similar trade groups, have been studying the problem of smoke control for years. They have encouraged research that is

helping to make possible "de-smoking" installations at many large foundries across the country.

"Now," said Tiscornia, "we are trying to do everything we can to get the entire industry to see the need for preserving a healthful and attractive environment. And particularly to encourage and help smaller firms install air control equipment."

A native of California who resided in that state until after World War II, Tiscornia recently returned from a trip there. "Anyone confronted by the air pollution in my native state gets convinced in a hurry that elimination is a must," he said. "It's tremendously worse than it was 20 years ago, say."

EXPENSIVE TASK

"It seems to me," he added, "that industries of all types are going to clean up, either voluntarily or under government order. It'll cost money, and people should understand that the cost will have to be added

to the price of products." Tiscornia feels getting individuals to do their share against pollution is a big job, too.

"In the Los Angeles area," he pointed out, "they found automobile exhaust contributed half or more of the air pollution. Yet many car owners pull anti-fouling devices off their cars to increase mileage or power. Others refuse to pay the money necessary to keep the devices operating properly."

"This is something everyone's going to have to work at. We're only sorry Ausco couldn't lick its smoke problem sooner. But we're happy that now, to the best of our expectations, we've got a system that will satisfy our neighbors."

FLORIDA VISIT

Mrs. Blancher Warren of Glenn flew to Tampa, Fla., Sunday and still stay a few weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Foster in Brooksville, Fla.

Coal Bin Damaged In BH Blaze

A blaze in the basement of a house at 259 Jefferson court, Benton Harbor, caused fire damage in the basement and smoke damage throughout the house yesterday, city firemen reported.

Firemen said they had to use masks and oxygen tanks to enter the basement. The fire was located in a room used as a coal bin. An occupant of the house, Mrs. Alma Jones, told firemen she smelled smoke all night.

Cause of the fire was unknown.

PROTESTORS TO TRIAL

DETROIT (AP) — Judge William L. Taft, Monroe district judge sitting in Recorder's Court, ruled Tuesday that 17 University of Detroit protestors must stand trial on charges of trespass.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH
NEW BUFFALO — Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McGahn, 3828 Michiana drive, New Buffalo, announce the birth of a son born Feb. 14 at St. Anthony hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1970

PONTIAC ORDERED TO INTEGRATE BY BUSING

Transplant Giving
Area Man New LifeBoard OK's
Remodeling
ContractsFor South Haven
Township Hall

SOUTH HAVEN —Contracts for remodeling the new South Haven township hall were awarded Tuesday night during a special meeting of the township board.

The building located at M-140 and Blue Star Memorial highway, was purchased last December.

General contractor will be Woodley & Shine of South Haven, with a bid of \$10,300. Other general contract bidders were: Olson Brothers, South Haven, \$13,318; and Henry Wiatrowski, South Haven, \$10,585.

The electrical contract was awarded to South Haven Electric Co. at a cost of \$2,785. Other bidders all of South Haven, were: Barth Electric, \$2,894; Ray Guminski, \$3,132; and Bradley Electric Co., \$4,350.

The plumbing contract went to Wagner Plumbing and Heating of South Haven for \$4,260.

WALTER A. RATTER
He's feeling fine

The only other bidder was Fritz & Son, South Haven, \$4,293.

Work will start within five days and completion is scheduled in time for the annual meeting in April.

Receives
Kidney Of
BrotherFeeling Fine After
Eight-Month OrdealBy TOM BRUNDRETT
Staff Writer

Eight months of living at death's doorstep are over for a Benton Harbor area native.

Walter Alfred Ratter, 42, today was smiling, happy and very thankful. All signs point toward a smooth future.

"I'm feeling fine," said the former baker who was back in the area visiting relatives. "The doctor's are very well pleased."

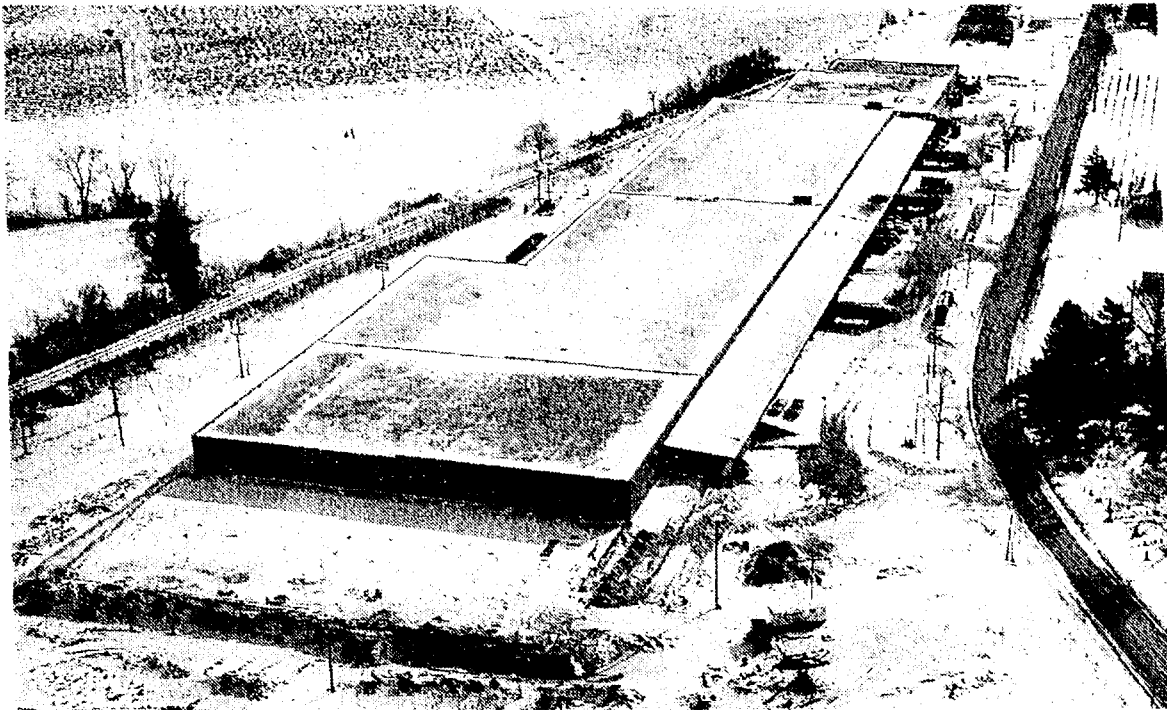
Ratter, employed for 24 years at Wilson's bakery in St. Joseph, was stricken in March, 1969, with kidney failure. He had about a three per cent functioning when he entered Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, and was given about two weeks to live.

His road to recovery took him to the Mayo clinic in Minnesota and then to the University of Minnesota hospital in Minneapolis. Blood change treatments, four major operations, faith and help from family and friends and a unique Michigan law combined to bring him back.

FUNCTIONS PERFECTLY

The law permitted his brother, Richard, 39, confined to the State hospital in Kalamazoo, to donate one of his kidneys for transplant. The operation was carried out Oct. 16.

"Thirteen minutes after the kidney was transplanted," said Ratter, "it began functioning perfectly."



GROUNDWORK FOR ADDITION: Site in foreground has been prepared for construction of fifth addition to Southern Michigan Cold Storage Co. plant on Pipestone road, Sodus township. Construction of 120 by 228-foot addition at west end of giant plant is expected to be completed sometime in late spring or early summer. Pipestone road, right, extends upward in picture toward Sodus. To left are Penn Central railroad tracks. John Steimle, company president, said addition will house 12 million pounds of frozen food in sub-zero temperatures. Also it will have 30 by 180-foot covered loading dock. Original structure was built in 1955. Outlines of roof indicate previous additions. Newest addition will bring sub-zero storage capacity of plant to 57 million pounds, Steimle said. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

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Judge Calls
Segregation
IntentionalSchool Board
Must Have Plan
By March 16

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge has accused the Pontiac, Mich., Board of Education of intentionally allowing segregation and ordered that the schools be integrated by September.

U.S. District Judge Damon Keith handed down his ruling Tuesday in a suit filed by the Pontiac chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The NAACP filed the suit after the school board rejected an NAACP busing plan.

Keith ruled integration will be accomplished by busing students and redrawing school attendance boundaries.

Keith gave the board until March 16 to submit a comprehensive integration plan for the district's 25,000 students. Approximately 32 per cent of the students are black.

CITES 'CONTRADICTION'

In the 20-page order, Keith said the board "intentionally utilized the power at its disposal to locate new schools and arrange boundaries in such a way as to perpetuate the pattern of segregation within the city, thereby, deliberately, in contradiction to its announced policies of achieving a racial mixture in the schools, preventing integration."

"The order, in effect, denies the board's contentions that it is not responsible for segregation caused by housing patterns and that it has adopted six resolutions and policy statements since 1968 aimed at achieving racial balance."

"Pronouncements of good intentions with nothing more amounts to monumental hypocrisy" and "the board of education cannot absolve itself from the responsibility for this situation when it had the power, duty and control to prevent the situation," Keith said.

'NEVER CONSIDERED'

Keith said that when the board first designated school attendance zones in 1954, it "never considered achievement of racial balance." He added:

"The only criteria employed in determining the zones was the proximity of a school, safety of access routes and capacity. Achievement of racial balance has never been a legitimate factor in the setting of boundary lines."

Nine schools were built between 1955 and 1964 in the Pontiac district "without any consideration given toward achieving a racial mixture," Keith said.

School officials have not said if the board will appeal the decision.

GIVES EXAMPLE

Keith cited the board's decision to build Belthune Elementary School in 1954 to alleviate overcrowding at two nearby schools.

Belthune eventually became an all-black school, nearby Webster School remained all-white and Bagley School remained all-black.

"There was no school constructed to alleviate the needs of both the white Webster School and the black Bagley School by creating an integrated school somewhere between the two," Keith said.

Keith also criticized the board's apparent failure to integrate the faculty and administration. He said that although the board has placed one or two black teachers in all-white schools or one or two white teachers in all-black schools, there is "insufficient evidence that the problem is being corrected."

He said no final judgment will be entered in the case until the integration order is implemented next September.

Grand Rapids
Soldier Killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ob-Michigan serviceman was among eight reported killed in action in the Vietnam war Tuesday.

The Defense Department identified Army Pfc. Michael A. Bosowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Bosowski of Grand Rapids.



MRS. AUDINE PEARCE

Register
Of Probate
AppointedVan Buren Judge
Picks Mrs. Pearce

PAW PAW — Mrs. Audine Pearce, employed in the Van Buren Probate court for nearly 13 years, has been named register of probate.

Probate Judge Meyer Warshawsky announced the appointment Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Pearce, who is from Paw Paw, fills a vacancy created when former register of probate, Mrs. Edna Wright retired on Dec. 31 along with her husband, Probate Judge William P. Wright.

Judge Warshawsky said Mrs. Pearce would be formally sworn in during a brief ceremony at the courthouse here next Tuesday.

A deputy register has not yet been selected from a number of applications submitted, an office spokesman said.

Judge Warshawsky said in a news release that he selected Mrs. Pearce from among several applicants because of her "knowledge and comprehension of the law," and devotion to public service.

DEFENSE TO BEGIN

FLINT (AP) — The defense is scheduled to begin its portion of the Algiers Motel federal conspiracy trial of three suspended Detroit policemen and a private guard Wednesday morning.

Convict Again
Loses To PoliceCourt Tosses Out Charge
That Officers PlottedBy TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN —Charges that four law enforcement officials conspired to violate the civil rights of a South Haven man now serving a prison sentence have been dismissed in federal district court at Detroit.

Attorney David C. Grier of South Haven, who represented two of the defendants, said dismissal came when the court ruled that the charge failed to state a specific claim for which a release from prison could be granted.

PLOT CLAIMED

Melvin Warren of South Haven brought the complaint last November. Warren claimed that the four officials conspired to violate his civil rights in connection with his arrest in December, 1968.

Named in the complaint were South Haven Police Chief Otto Buelow and Capt. Donald Hardy; Van Buren County Sheriff's Sgt. Roy Anderson; and Nelson Schultz, Benton Harbor, parole officer for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Warren was on parole from Southern Michigan Prison, Jackson, for a larceny conviction, when he was arrested here for being drunk and disorderly on Dec. 4, 1968. He was found guilty in the former South Haven municipal court and fined.

Warren was arrested Jan. 23, 1969, on a charge of committing larceny by conversion. He was found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. He also lost his probation and was remanded to prison, where he is serving a six-month to four term on the larceny conviction.

Other candidates filing were incumbents Alan Baines and Joseph Debiak and William Leathers and Robert Nystrom.

Nystrom of 203 South Mayhew street, is a high school science teacher here and a newcomer to politics. Leathers, of 16 South Berrien street, is a retired Clark Equipment Co. employee. He served on the council for four years (1962-66) when New Buffalo was a village.

Baines is a salesman for a pattern making firm, while Debiak is a building contractor.

Makes Honor List

David W. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harris, 3870 Charmli St. Joseph, has achieved honor level work during his first term at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind. The honor list is comprised of students earning at 3:10 or better grade point average.

Chikaming
To Discuss
AmbulanceMeeting At
Sawyer Friday

SAWYER —Members of a recently formed Chikaming township Emergency Unit Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, at the Fire Bird restaurant here to discuss an ambulance service for the township.

Richard Keller, association chairman, said the group will review experiences of other townships in starting volunteer emergency services before taking specific action here.

The township currently is not serviced by its own ambulance firm.

The association was formed for Chikaming last Sunday when representatives of various organizations met and elected officers. Officers besides Keller, are Ted Anderson, vice chairman; William Moomaw, secretary; and D. P. Snow, treasurer. Named trustees were Peter Christopher and Robert Sizer.

Nurse Week

LANSING (AP)—Gov. William Milliken has proclaimed April 12-18 as Nurse Week, in Michigan, May 1 as Law Day and March 1-7 as S. S. Hope Week. The S. S. Hope is the American ship providing medical care to needy persons around the world.

'Legalize Pot'
Senator UrgesRevision Of Usury Law
Also Pushed

LANSING (AP)—Legislation to legalize marijuana has been introduced in the Michigan House.

Two bills, sponsored by Rep. Dale Warner, R-Eaton Rapids, introduced Tuesday would remove references to Cannabis Sativa—the proper botanical description for marijuana—from Michigan laws on illegal drugs.

Warner sponsored bills last year that were aimed at reducing prison sentences for conviction on charges of possessing such drugs.

Other bills introduced Tuesday included one measure to eliminate the seven-per-cent ceiling on business loans and another to reorganize the legislative fiscal agency.

ANY INTEREST

Rep. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester, proposed further revision in the state's usury law to allow any marketable rate of interest to be charged for loans related solely to businesses.

The Legislature last year lifted the 14-year-old ceiling of 7 per cent on home mortgages after the prime rate, charged to large corporations with top credit ratings, rose to 8½ per cent.

Reps. Ray Kehres, a Monroe Democrat, and James Farnsworth of Plainwell, ranking minority Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, proposed a bill calling for chairmanship of the legislative fiscal agency to be rotated every two years between the House and Senate.

Kehres contended Senate colleagues maintain a grip on the fiscal agency that makes it virtually their own Appropriations Committee staff.

"We want to see if they're honest about giving us equal time," Kehres said.

Watervliet
Musicians
Rate Well

WATERVLIET — Eight Watervliet public school students were first division winners of the District 6 solo and ensemble festival held this past Saturday in Niles.

Watervliet senior high student winners are: Pam Hulsey, for her flute solo, Diane Reinhardt, piano solo, Forrest Evans and Jim Russell, trumpet duo.

Junior high winners are: Debbie Schmaltz, clarinet solo, Jeff Brock, Bill Riegler, and Everett Hornbarger, trumpet trio.

Farmers' Week
Set At MSU

EAST LANSING (AP) — The 1970 Farmers Week will be held March 23-27 at Michigan State University, with more than 20,000 farmers and rural leaders expected to attend. Some 274 speakers and 40 university departments are to present more than 200 educational programs and demonstrations during the week which MSU says ranks as the largest agricultural-educational activity in the nation.

SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

DOLLAR BAY (AP)—Superintendent of the Dollar Bay, Osceola Township schools, Wilfred Milde, Tuesday submitted his resignation to the board of education.

Marijuana Meeting
Changed At Buchanan

BUCHANAN —To enable the public to attend to learn more about effects of marijuana, the joint meeting of the Buchanan Jaycees and Jaycees has been changed from Feb. 19 to Thursday, Feb. 26. It will be held at 8 p.m. in the Buchanan high school music room.

Dr. Russell J. Vastine, Jr., of Buchanan, will discuss effects of marijuana and also will present a film on the subject.

SOUTH HAVEN

Flash Fire
Destroys Car

SOUTH HAVEN —Fire destroyed a car owned by Gregoria Armijo of Pullman Tuesday night.

Mrs. Armijo told troopers from the South Haven state police post that she was driving home from work when the car stalled and the engine became engulfed in flames on 60th street, north of 111th avenue in Casco township at 6:10 p.m.

Casco firemen extinguished the blaze which destroyed the 1969 model vehicle.

Two Grocers
Robbed, Shot

DETROIT (AP)—Two elderly grocers were wounded Tuesday during a robbery by a man and woman holdup team.

Joseph Gretch, 68, and Thomas Skeitch, 66, both of Detroit, were the victims, police said.

Police said the bandits told the grocers to empty their pockets. After taking \$250 in cash, the couple shot the grocers without provocation, police reported.